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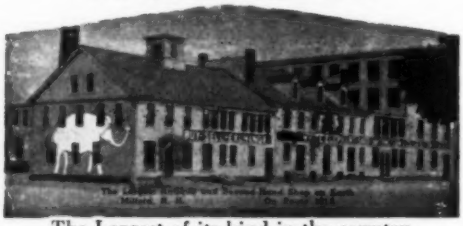

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> Mr. Cousins, using a text that was shockingly new, said the United States needs to develop "super ideas" rather than super sputniks, and should develop "an ear of America" as well as a Voice of America.
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> It is time, he said, for a mandate from "an informed, conscientious and conscience-full people" in a program that will lead us to offer "everything to the cause of a just peace on earth."
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> Dealing gravely and at length with the enormous destructive power of assembled armaments, Mr. Cousins spoke of a new "craving around the world for that which is not based on national interest but rather on human and moral interests."
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SAYINGS of the ORACLE

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►*Pa.: Dear Oracle:* Some years ago I bought a goose-neck barometer. Now, the inside of the glass is corroded due to chemicals in the water. Is there any way it can be cleaned?

Answer: We are not sure about this, not knowing what sort of chemicals might be involved. If it was us we would take a few wood ashes and a small handful of whole corn and a mite of water, put 'em all in the glass and shake seven bells out of the works. If it didn't clear up the mess we would heave it over the side and buy a new one. YANKEE advertises 'em.

►*Calif.: Dear Oracle:* In recent readings (in *The New Yorker* and in a letter from an English friend) I have run across the words "dab" and "dabster." I've heard the expression to "run smack dab into" but am not sure about the correct definition. What do you know about it? P.B.M.

Answer: The words "dab" and "dabster" have about forty-two meanings, but all somehow springing from the same root. The original, dab, dabbing, and dabster, go back to the dawn of civilization when mankind discovered how to construct a square corner and thereby lifted himself from barbarism.

Briefly, to "dab" meant to finish, that is to smooth and polish the face of a stone. A delicate touch, a slender instrument, a sure eye were all required to do this job and a "dabster" had to possess all these qualifications. Hence, a dabster was an ancient term meaning expert, and the word has been applied to many things.

►*N.Y.: Dear Oracle:* I been readin' your ruminations for years. I kind of have the hunch that you aren't the seafaring man you try to make your readers think. All your preoccupation with sea monsters sure gives you away as a landlubber that would up and hipper if an oyster so much as barked at you. Besides, much more outlandish critters live on land than at sea right now! Forget about the unicorns, griffons and such like. Roamin' the fens of Glastonbury, Connecticut, at this very minute is the wild glowackus. It has the face of a moose, body of a six-legged calf, wings like an eagle, and bawls like a cold organ with a leaky bellows. Ever hear tell of a glowackus? L.W.C.

Answer: Cripes, yes! Our Grandfather who was a tough, old amphibian, always swore that nothing could beat a few glowackus for bait when fishing our near-by reef for killer-whales, sea-serpents and such critters.

►*Nev.: Dear Oracle:* Glad to know that you don't call our state Ne-Vah-dah, but how did you know that we pronounce the "A" as in fad? T.G.

Answer: Oh we get around, we get around.

►*Calif.: Dear Oracle:* I don't recall ever having seen a communication in your column from California. Do you know anything about the state? J.G.

Answer: Oh yes. We know that the earth and some of the trees shed their hides like a snake during the dry season, that the fog on the coast is the dryest known, that true sons of the land heave away copper pennies if they get 'em in change and that the best-tasting apricots on God's green earth are raised there.

►*Texas: Dear Oracle:* . . . and this state produces the biggest specimens known of everything native to the country! H.I.

Answer: Yeah. We saw a Texan once with the toothache and so help us it was the gol-darndest tooth-ache we ever contacted!

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AT HOME IN NEW ENGLAND
with Duncan MacDonald

LET SOMEONE TAKE ON THE QUEST of finding the smallest hamlet in New England: there he would almost surely find some element of cosmopolitanism. Perhaps it would be a green Fitzhugh plate, telling its own story of a sea captain who sailed to places like Cairo and Cathay, and returned with such treasures as created in his Yankee house echoes of all the places he had been.

In the days when ports the world over were regularly visited by Yankee sailing ships, in the days when a Donald McKay Clipper could be identified while just a speck on the horizon, we achieved a cosmopolitan character because we brought the great world here piecemeal in things like books, paintings, tapestries, china, and carved ivory.

The Clipper Ship era passed, but even now our cosmopolitan tradition continues because immigrants from all over the world bring their wonderful ways with them—in art, in human relations, and in that very particular area of living beautifully that concerns cooking and serving delightful food.

Evidence of this, if evidence is needed, you will find in that very citadel of Yankee cookery, the Fanny Farmer Cook Book. There among the New England dishes, ravioli, as well as other foreign dishes, has made a place for itself.

How could our cookery fail to achieve this variety in a community of 8,000,000 people with about 60 nationalities living side by side, and all faced with the problem of injecting interest into twenty-one meals a week! A Greek recipe passes over the fence in exchange for one from France, Italy, Lithuania—or Camden, Maine! Women of different nationalities contribute their favorite dishes to church suppers or church fairs—and again recipes change hands.

The annual festival that brings together most of New England's national groups is the International Institute's Mardi Gras Ball to be held this year at the Hotel Statler in Boston on February 14th. A big feature of the Ball is the sale of home-made foreign foods, some to be eaten on the spot as canapes, others to be carried away for a special meal at home. Each nationality has a booth of its own and offers its own particular delicacies.

From other years I can recall hot Chinese egg rolls, Albanian meat pie, Portuguese pineapple and a Syrian dessert called nightingale's nests.

Eating one's way from booth to booth, one resolves to experiment more often with the dishes of other lands.

I have found Greek recipes especially interesting, and so I was pleased to come across a little recipe book, "The Greeks Have a Dish for It," published by a group of New England ladies, the local chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, Manchester, New Hampshire. I'd

like to pass along a few of their recipes. I haven't had an opportunity to try them all, but I know the Daughters of Penelope have.

Halva with Farina

1 cup farina
2 cups water
1 cup whole blanched almonds
1 cup sugar
1/3 lb. butter
1/4 lemon

Bring sugar, water and lemon to a boil until sugar is dissolved. Keep over low flame. In a heavy, large pan, melt butter and when very hot, add quickly farina to which almonds have been added. Mix constantly until farina and almonds are golden colored. Pour syrup over it and mix well. Lower heat until steam dissolves. Cover and cook for 2 to 3 minutes. Remove cover, stir constantly. Place in mold, mixing well so that almonds will be distributed throughout. Let cool. Remove from mold and sprinkle with cinnamon.

—by Thelma Goudas

Pecan Crescents

1/2 cup butter
3 tbs. confectioner's sugar
1/2 tsp. vanilla
1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
1 cup finley chopped pecans

Cream butter, add sugar and vanilla. Blend well. Add flour, mixing thoroughly. Mix in pecans. Shape into crescents and place on baking sheet. Bake for 20 minutes in 350° oven. Roll in confectioner's sugar while warm. Yields about 2 dozen crescents.

—by Xanthippe Spanos

Mygthalota (Almond Crispies)

Mix: 1-1/2 cups sugar and 2 lbs. almonds, ground fine. Beat 4 egg whites until stiff. Fold into almond and sugar mixture. Blend together and add 2 tablespoons rose water. Drop by teaspoonfuls on greased cookie sheet, or shape into small pears. Bake in 300° oven for 15 minutes. Yield—approx. 25 pieces.

—by Eva Kotekas

A recipe by the chairman of the cookbook committee, Aphrodite Kearns, is:

Shown being served by Duncan MacDonald are six of the New England consular representatives, all of whom will attend the Mardi Gras Ball. Left to right: R. H. K. Marett, British Consul-General; Charles de Pampellone, Consul-General of France; C. A. Panayatocas, Greek Consul; G. Vitelli, Consul-General of Italy; Anthony Shallna, Lithuanian Consul; A. J. Boudreau, Canadian Consul General. At the extreme right is Bill Hahn, who broadcasts daily with Duncan at 10:05 over WNAC-Yankee Network.

Could it be that Marshall Schwarz and John Damon of Hasty Pudding Theatricals are discussing the group's 110 annual production which opens March 19th? The production has a tropical-island setting, while they are shown in the newest of winter clothes: Sawyer's Weather King *and U.S. Rubber's hunting suit (minus the hunting boots!). Opposite page: Anne Rindlaub, left, and Corinne Freeman of Radcliffe chat between classes. Anne is dressed in typical Radcliffe style: her coat is simply styled and, having a Milium lining, is light and warm; scarf, sweater, skirt, knee-length socks—all made of wool. Her fleece-lined Golo boots are popular at Radcliffe. Corinne's coat is Sawyer's* Weather Queen *whose Alpaca collar and lining are removable, leaving a raincoat of Dacron and cotton poplin. Far right: The boys again, Damon wearing an all-wool sweat shirt under his sports jacket, while Schwarz shows off a chamois shirt, both from L. L. Bean's (see text).*

Loukoumathes (Fried Delights)

Combine: 1 cup scalded milk
¼ cup shortening
1 tbs. sugar
2 tsp. salt

Cool: to lukewarm by adding ½ cup water.

Add: 1 package yeast (compressed or dry) and mix well.

Blend in: 1 egg.

Add: 3 cups sifted all-purpose flour, mix until batter is well blended.

Let rise: Till double in volume, or till batter reaches top of large mixing bowl. Take a tablespoonful of batter and fry in deep fat (using three parts mazola oil and one part olive oil). Turn when golden brown on one side and brown the other. Drain on paper towels. Serve with honey, or sugar and cinnamon.

With Mardi Gras over, the Lenten season exerts for many of us a considerable influence on our menu planning. For those who give up meat as a Lenten sacrifice, there are many good suggestions in Ethel Keating's book "Fifty-Two Meatless Days," and, of course, it's a book that will be useful to Friday-abstainers all through the year.

One of the many virtues of this book is illustrated by the recipe for pan-fried perch. After giving the recipe Mrs. Keating suggests the entire menu, and gives you recipes for five other dishes on it: hush puppies, string beans in cream, molded beet salad, mayonnaise, and plum cake. I like, too, her keeping almost all of the recipes on one page. Here are two interesting entrees:

Tuna Fish Salad Ring

2 packages lemon gelatin
3-⅞ cups boiling water
2 tbs. lemon juice

Dissolve gelatin in the boiling water. Add lemon juice. Cover bottom of 10-inch ring mold, brushed with oil, with gelatin. Refrigerate until congealed.

1 6-½ oz. can tuna fish

Flake fish and arrange over gelatin. Spoon over enough liquid gelatin to cover; refrigerate until congealed.

1 6-½ oz. can tuna fish
2 cups minced celery
4 pimientos, minced
1 green pepper, minced
1 tsp. orange juice
4 tsp. drained horseradish
1 tsp. salt
Dash of cayenne pepper

Mix; arrange as next layer in ring mold; pour over remaining gelatin. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours. Unmold on large salad plate. Arrange around mold marinated unpeeled cucumber slices, marinated tomato wedges, and deviled eggs. Decorate with curly endive and water cress. Serve with Thousand Island Dressing.

Cashew Stuffed Red Snapper

3-½ or 4-lb. red snapper
Lime juice
Sherry Wine
Salt

Have red snapper cleaned, beheaded and boned. Sprinkle with lime juice; then brush with a little sherry and salt. Place in refrigerator for 2 or 3 hours.

Cashew Stuffing

6 tbs. butter
½ cup celery, diced
1 green onion, chopped
½ clove garlic

Saute vegetables slowly in butter until transparent—about 5 min. Do not brown.

2 cups day-old bread crumbs
1-½ cups chopped cashew nuts
Few gratings nugmeg
¼ cup minced parsley
½ tsp. grated lemon rind
⅛ tsp. thyme

Mix with the sauteed vegetables. Stuff fish; sew up. Place in baking pan.

1 cup white wine

Pour over fish. Bake in a pre-heated oven at 350° F for 45 min. Baste often. Remove fish to heated serving platter. Garnish with parsley.

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HOW TO KEEP WARM

As Ruskin said so long ago, "Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces up, snow is exhilarating; there is no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of weather."

One of the kind we're reasonably sure to get in New England in February is cold weather, and in order to enjoy it, we may as well pool our knowledge of how to keep warm.

Let's check first with one of New England's authorities on how to dress in cold weather, Leon Leonwood Bean of Freeport, Maine. He deserves to be called an authority on two counts: he has personally weathered more than 80 Maine winters, and for a good part of that time has been designing, using, and selling cold-weather clothing that brings hunters back alive—but never kicking. Actually, his customers are missionaries who extol the merits of Bean equipment wherever hunters are gathered.

Two of Mr. Bean's cold-weather entries (shown in accompanying photos) seem especially adaptable to city, town, or forest wear. Of his chamois cloth shirt, he says: ". . . absolutely will not shrink and is more durable than wool, yet is warm and very soft." It comes in two colors, tan and bright red, and the latter, Mr. Bean says, "is a good fishing shirt as red repels black flies." The other is a wool sweat-shirt: "warmer than a woolen shirt of equal weight . . . especially made for us with a longer body than average for hunters, campers, and fishermen." For college men,

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Of course the problem of keeping warm seems most dramatic when wading through icy drifts in the forest, but it exists, too, at Beacon and Tremont Streets in Boston. A hundred years ago this was known as the windiest and coldest place in Boston—and still is. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's father-in-law, Mr. Appleton, once remarked that a shorn lamb should be tethered at this corner because "God abateth the wind for the shorn lamb."

For the winds along Boylston Street (and other cold places) I prescribe a versatile coat (offered by Sawyer's, itself on Boylston near Arlington) splendidly called "The Weather King" or "The Weather Queen." The coat, too, is splendid: beige, rich-looking, and warm, with an alpaca collar and lining. Unbutton the collar, zip out the lining, and you have a raincoat, an especially fine one made of machine-washable Dacron and cotton poplin. For kings or queens this coat is offered as a Sawyer 100th Anniversary Special at $65.00.

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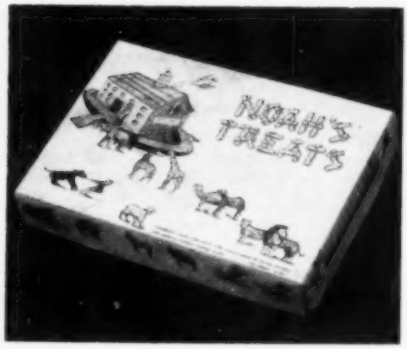

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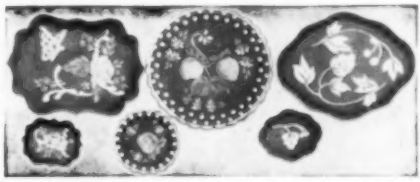

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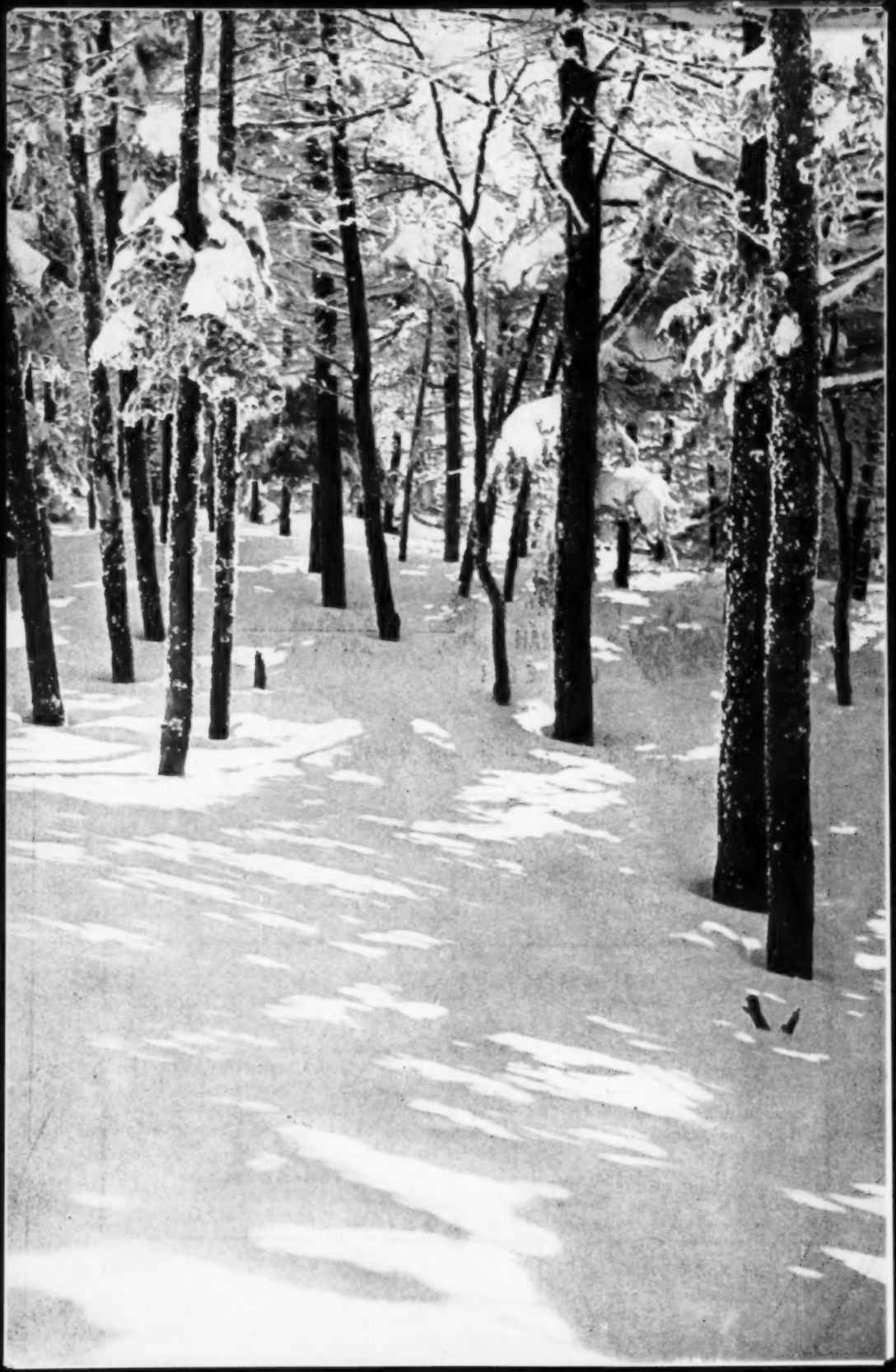

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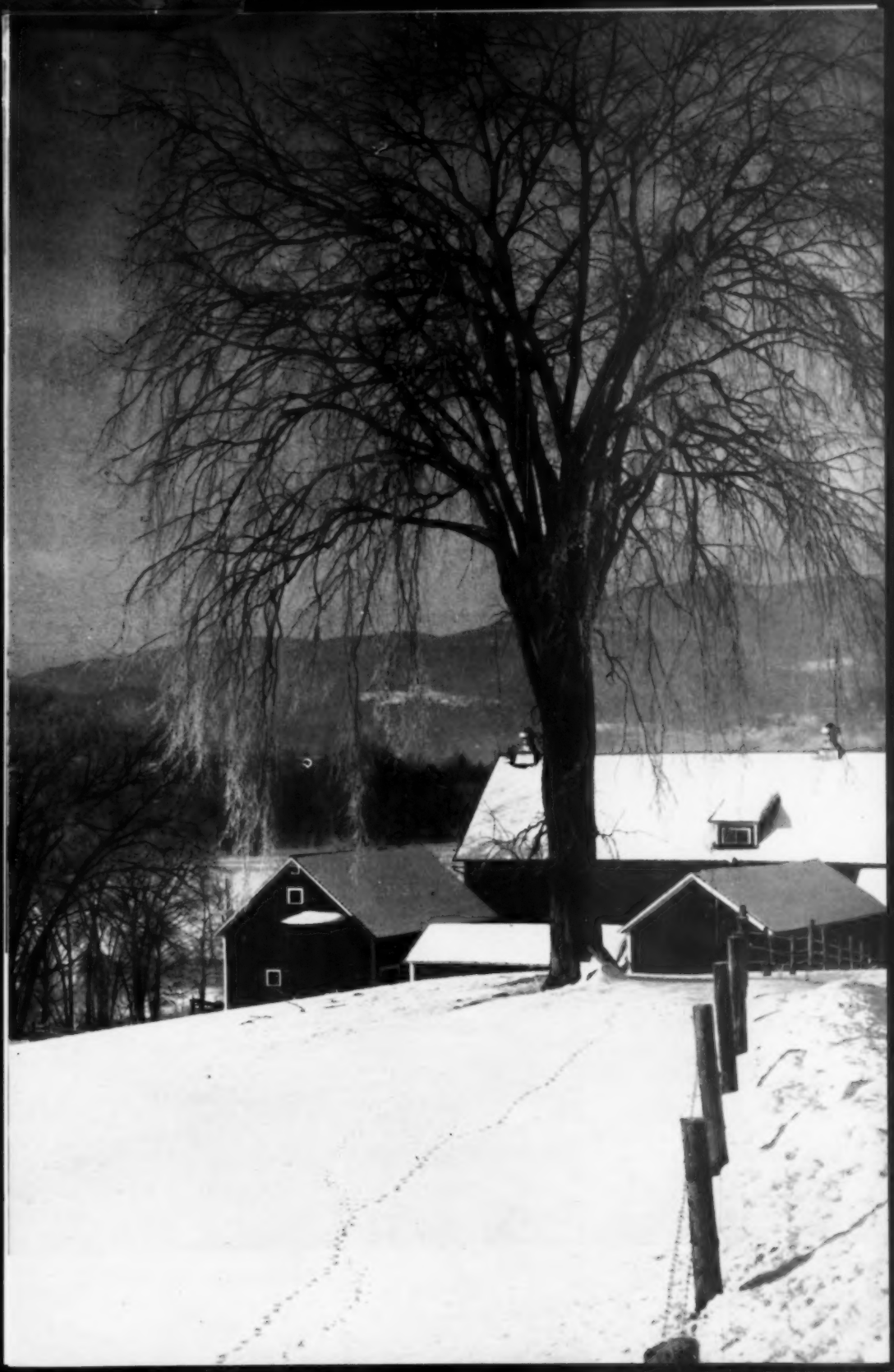


THE GREAT FORE-AND-AFTERS

by LOREN E. HASKELL

The George W. Wells

THE SAILING SHIP IS SO SYMBOLIC OF THE PAST THAT IT is a little startling to be reminded that such vessels continued to throng the seas into the early part of the twentieth century and it was the opening of the Panama Canal in 1914 that finished them for good as part of the world's merchant marine.

There were two types of large sailing vessels, the square riggers, and the schooners. The square rigger's sails were extended by a yard and hung by the middle and balanced. The schooner's sails were set on a gaff, boom or stay.

For years we have rightfully honored the great square riggers and inadequately praised the famous schooner colliers. Around the early part of the twentieth century these schooners made up the greater portion of the American merchant marine.

The majority of the schooners were built in the state of Maine, at Bath, Camden, Rockland, Thomaston and Waldoboro. The building of these schooners provided employment directly and indirectly for so many of the inhabitants of these communities, that launching day was a big event. It was usually proclaimed a holiday and the shipyard workers, farmers and others flocked to these cities and towns with their families and made a gala day of it. Any person owning a share in the vessel was allowed on board while the new ship slid down the ways. Others arrived at the shipyard early in order to have a point of vantage from which to view the launching.

The schooner Governor Brooks, *launched at Bath, Maine, Captain Ellis E. Haskell.*

The present day ship owner can reflect with envy on the low cost of marine construction in the days of the schooner. The average cost of the big five and six-masters ranged from $75,000.00 to $220,000.00. The only seven-master, the steel constructed *Thomas W. Lawson*, built at the Fore River shipyards, Quincy, Massachusetts, cost only $240,000.00.

Taken from Lloyd's Shipping Register as of 1910, the most important Maine owned and managed fleets of sailing vessels were the J. S. Winslow & Company of Portland; the firm of Percy & Small, shipbuilders of Bath; and the Gardiner G. Deering firm also of Bath. To these might be added the Pendleton Brothers of Islesboro and New York. The other large companies were from Boston, consisting of the Coastwise Transportation Company, managed by the Crowley brothers, John, Arthur and Elmer; the Palmer fleet managed by William F. Palmer; and the firm of Crowell & Thurlow.

The names of some of these schooners indicate the financial powers which bought into them.

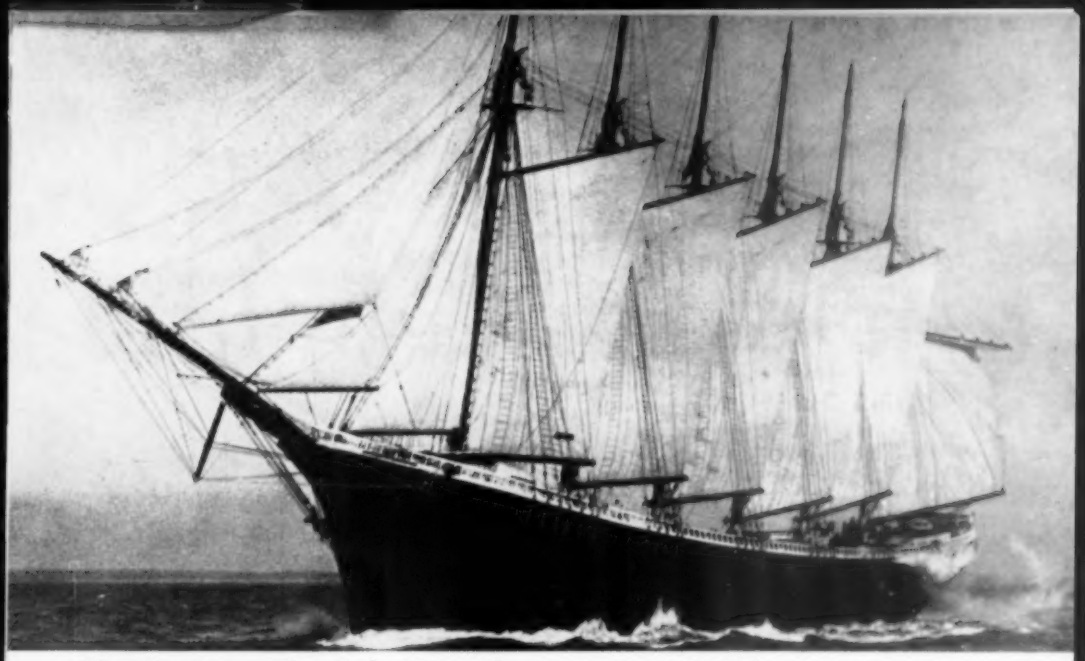
The Coastwise Transportation Company had vessels named for such well-known men as William L. Douglas, former governor of Massachusetts; Colonel E. B. Haskell, owner and editor of the Boston Herald; and Thomas W. Lawson, president of the Bay State Gas Company, financier and author of "Frenzied Finance."

The Percy & Small fleet had an extraordinary six-master *Wyoming*, and a big five-master *Governor Brooks*, named for the governor of Wyoming, thus reflecting an element of western money in Maine built vessels.

The carrying capacity of these vessels ranged from 3,000 to 7,000 tons of cargo. However, the first and only seven-master, the *Thomas W. Lawson*, was capable of handling 11,000 tons of coal in one cargo on a draft of twenty-eight feet.

While the transportation of coal was the primary cargo for the schooners, they also found employment in other trades, such as case oil, railway ties, steel rails, phosphate rock, sulphur, quebracho wood, and cargoes of ice from Maine on their southbound summer voyages.

The sailing ability of these schooners was surprising. If their hulls were covered with barnacles they made a poor



The Wyoming, *another Bath, Maine schooner, was typical of the great six masters.*

showing. If not, it was a common occurrence to pass steamers when there was a strong fair wind. The six-master *George W. Wells* was considered the fastest sailing vessel in the fleet of big schooners and her captains reported she frequently made fourteen knots or better.

When World War 1 commenced, these schooners came into their own. Due to the shortage of vessels, they plied to ports all over the world. The first five-master built, the *Governor Ames* and the steel constructed five-master *Kineo* had already sailed around Cape Horn to Asia and Australia. During the period of their construction from 1888 to 1918, a span of thirty years, there were fifty-four five-masters, ten six-masters, and one seven-master placed in service.

These schooners were operated on a world-wide service with a maximum crew of only twelve to eighteen men. Most of the schooners paid for themselves from earnings two and three times over, and were sold during the shortage of vessels in World War 1, for more than their original cost.

Most every mariner and landsman has been inspired and frightened by the great storms and hurricanes of nature. The dangers and mishaps to the big schooners were many. These disasters were caused by heavy gales, collisions, fog and fire. The gales caused the schooners to open their seams, fill with water and then founder. The fog brought forth collisions and strandings.

The fall in ocean freights, beginning in 1920 and continuing in 1921, caused countless sailing vessels to be laid up indefinitely and then permanently.

The modern coal carrying steamers and big oil tankers of today have superseded the great schooners in the transportation of fuel. These efficiently designed vessels are constructed for quick loading and discharging of cargo, and it would be out of the question for the windjammers to try to compete with them.

The big schooners were loved by so many mariners and landsmen alike, that when the huge five-master *Dorothy Palmer*, the last survivor of the Palmer fleet, was lost off the Massachusetts coast in March 1924, there were many wet eyes as the marine brotherhood up and down the coast realized the big schooners were things of the past, never to return.

by MARINOBEL SMITH

no mimicry here

WARREN WHEELOCK, A NINTH generation New Englander, kin to Eleazar Wheelock, founder of Dartmouth, is nationally recognized as a practitioner in the several arts.

He was born in Massachusetts (Sutton) of Pilgrim ancestry. The label *Americana* is often applied to his paintings and sculptures.

"I guess," this artist will reply when reminded of these things at his Santa Fe, New Mexico, studio, "I am what you'd call a Yankee American artist. Not that my ancestors passed on to me any talent in the arts—they were too practical to be interested deeply in fine arts. What I did inherit was more a way of looking at life. Their enthusiasm for spiritual matters, their deep patriotism for the land were in a way communicated to me. It may explain," he will add "why much of my work, in sculpture more than in painting, is either religious in concept or what is referred to as *Americana*."

The interesting aspect of this spiritual and patriotic background is the amplification it provides on the artist's "heritage." At least a dozen carvings that have found homes in museums or important private collections reflect this inheritance, bespeak the man of strong religious convictions. The titles of the photographs of these works which now cover the walls of his Santa Fe, New Mexico studio reveal: Christ, Christ with Children, The Three Marys, The Comforter, St. Francis, St. Fiacre, Mother and Child, St. Vincent, etc. In stone, bronze, wood, on canvas and on paper, Wheelock has expressed his veneration for characters from the Bible. He brings to this fresh interpretation "the dynamic energy and rugged strength of his own personality" —obviously inherited traits.

In like manner, this Yankee artist has memorialized heroes in American history, boyhood favorites: Washington, Lincoln, Paul Revere, Walt Whitman. His ten-foot bronze statue of Washington's associate, *Von Steuben*, stands today outside the Museum of Fine Arts in Philadelphia; a bronze replica of his appealing *Lincoln on Horseback* decorates a city plaza in Glasgow, Scotland. In this *Americana* category is his vibrant carving of Babe Ruth entitled *Sultan of Swat*, possessed by the Yankees; his amusing carving of New York's late Mayor La Guardia called *Little Flower*, owned by the La Guardia family; an ebony *Tar Baby* and a *Black Dancer* carving, etc. etc.

"You might say," he explains, "that I came by sculpture naturally. As far back as I can remember, I had a craving for making things with my hands, whittling anything that came to hand, trying to do it a little better than the next fellow. My childhood days at Webster, where I grew up, were full of such undertakings—making a rabbit trap, a chicken coop, carving a boat."

Versatility in conception and execution is one of Wheelock's outstanding characteristics. If you have an inventive mind, says Wheelock, you seek to express an idea of a thing or create a

In the famous Stanley Resor collection of modern art is Wheelock's amusing PAUL REVERE. The dynamic structural line gives the suggestion of flight to the carving.

A dramatic side view of the Von Steuben monument, illustrating the artist's sense of rhythm and movement, characteristic of much of Wheelock's commissioned sculpture.

Although only 40 inches high LINCOLN on HORSEBACK conveys the monumental character of the man. It documents that era of his life when he traveled rural precincts as a circuit riding judge.

In an exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum, Wheelock's CHRIST aroused one critic to exclaim: " . . . the noblest conception of our Lord yet created by an American artist."

«art suffers

symbol of it rather than to reproduce the thing itself. Good drawing is expressive of personality, expressive rather than imitative; it expresses what the artist feels about something not simply a record of something seen. Perhaps for this reason, Wheelock never paints from nature—he takes the composition home, executes it in his studio; by the same token, he does not use models for his sculpture but rather carves directly into the wood or other material finding what he wishes to create within the substance itself. Says he, nature moves us to the degree it resembles art but art suffers the more it mimics nature. His art philosophy, only touched upon here, has been presented through the years in the series of thought-packed articles he wrote for the art publication *American Artist*.

"I guess I wouldn't be a very representative Yankee," Wheelock is fond of relating, "if sometime or other I hadn't wanted to escape the conventional art world, if I hadn't wanted to try my hand at building a house. I did both early enough in my career to get the adventures out of my system. I chose the backwoods of North Carolina for my retreat because those blue-veiled hills seemed remote from the art world and because the folks down there appealed

s the more it mimics nature.»

to me—unspoiled, Americans of pioneer stock who, even though I was a fetched-on-furriner, treated me as an equal. I stayed five years, living a hermit-like existence, loving every moment of it."

"And the house you built?"

"I did it all with my own hands, it took two years. I sawed the hemlock used for the frame and kiln-dried it. To seal the inside rooms I used chestnut. The roof rests on some 16 logs, cut in December when the sap is down to assure the bark remaining on the logs after they were put in place. Because it is mountain country, I designed a shingle roof in varying suggestive slopes, cut and rived several thousand shingles from chestnut blocks, carving each with a drawing knife. To make window sashes and doors in a region where neither seem essential in a house, I had to make my own tools. It was the need of andirons for my fire-place that led me to make my first piece of sculpture. It represented a dachshund with elongated body, made of oak but cast later in bronze and iron. From that time on I began to think of myself as a sculptor rather than a painter and soon I was back in studio life again, carving one thing after another, exhibiting, selling, experimenting. . . . . ."

CHECKER PLAYERS is a result of Wheelock's life in Greenwich Village. Below: The artist at work on the Von Steuben statue.

A Radio for Cal

Above: The author as a young man at the same model radio as given to President Coolidge. Opposite, Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge.

by EDGAR K. JAMES

TODAY, THE INCORPORATION OF RADIO, television, the automobile and all manner of electrical and mechanical gadgets into our daily life is so complete that we scarcely give them a second thought. Ford, Stanley, Seldon, Chrysler, de Forest, are names associated with achievement rather than with men who unfalteringly pursued their visions to bring forth the wonders which raised our living standards and created new industries.

The ways of the Unseen are inexplicable and I often wonder why I was chosen to participate in the following event.

The year is 1924. Although many of us had been enjoying radio for a number of years, it was still termed the "new medium," for at that time radio was not an item found in every home. In the early 1900's I worked with Dr. Lee de Forest, the inventor of the radio tube, one of the most kindly men I have ever known. In 1914, Dr. de Forest, Bill Garrity, Dick Klein, myself and others were broadcasting regular nightly programs to thousands of amateurs.

Another of the pioneers who realized the value of radio as a source of information and a medium of entertainment was Samuel L. Rothafel. At the time he had a small orchestra and vocalists known as "The Roxy Radio Gang," who broadcast weekly over WJZ. After World War I, Rothafel solicited funds—with the approval of the Federal Radio Commission—for the purchase and installation of receivers and sound systems in all institutions where veterans were hospitalized. Under this program, I was among the engineers who developed a system whereby a veteran could, without leaving his bed, hear radio broadcasts via a pair of headphones equipped with volume control. We installed such equipment in Washington's Walter Reed Hospital, the Gunn Hospital and the Rockefeller Institute Hospital in New York and numerous other veterans' institutions.

In September of 1924, Mr. Rothafel called me into his office and informed me that I was to install a radio receiver in the White House. This rather stunned me, as I had assumed the White House was well supplied with radio receivers. "You are," Rothafel told me, "at the same time to install a receiver in Major Lejune's headquarters in the Marine Bar-

racks at Quantico, Virginia." It seems that he had ordered three special receivers from the Freed-Eisemann Company, which were entirely gold-plated and bore an engraved gold plaque. The sets were to be presented to Calvin Coolidge, who was serving Warren Harding's unexpired term of President, Major Lejune and Pope Pius XI. I was informed that the sets for President Coolidge and Major Lejune were finished and had already been sent to Washington.

Upon arriving in Washington, I was met by a young man who had been working for Mr. Rothafel and who had made an appointment for us with the Secretary to the President. After a brief conversation he told us that arrangements for the White House installation were to be made through Mrs. Coolidge's secretary. Then he added, "Now I will take you in to meet the President. But before we go, I want to brief you. (I had been warned about this.) You are never to ask the President a question. If he asks you a question answer him as directly as possible. Never counter with a question." He left the room and in a moment returned, beckoning us to follow him.

As a boy, I had been to the White House with my parents to call on my father's friend, President William McKinley—whose assassination took place within a few feet of me a short time later—but being too young to realize the importance of the great office of President of the United States, I was unimpressed by anything but my immediate surroundings. This second visit to the White House was quite different. I was duly impressed by the occasion, I also had a job to do and for the first and only time in my life I was literally scared to death.

The President was seated behind a large desk. He rose, extended his hand and said, "I'm glad to know you. I wanted to meet the man Mr. Rothafel sent down from New York."

We left the President's office and went up to the second floor. I was surprised to note there were no elevators. We entered that part of the White House into which no one is allowed except by invitation—the living quarters of the President and his family. In the spacious living room Mrs. Coolidge's secretary was waiting for us. After the introductions, she in- (*Continued on page 76*)

by CHARLES G. WILSON

The Pumpkin Pine Express

HANDLING OXEN IS A GREAT DEAL like handling women," said my friend Uncle Frank. "They've got to love you awfully and fear you a little, or they will turn their yoke."

"Turn their yoke—what does that mean?" I asked.

"When a pair of yoked oxen get scared they start to run and their tail ends draw apart, but their necks being yoked can't, so soon they're running like an ungodly eight-legged creature, each set of four legs pretty nigh running against the other set, and their necks twisted in the yoke fit to choking; and they toss their heads and suddenly the yoke is upsidedown—turned—and the pore cattle are completely bewildered, hung up either in a bush or a fence corner, blowing and puffing and all of a'tremble.

"Women will do it too—turn their emotional yoke. I'd rather the cattle did it than my Missus. It takes only a few minutes to put the yoke right-side-to and talk oxen back to sense—but not the Missus, no, not the Missus. When she turns her yoke she makes an all day job of it.

We were siting on the porch steps of Uncle Frank's farmhouse high on the mountainside. It was much too hot to be doing anything, and besides, Uncle Frank hadn't done more than light barn chores for some years because of his great age. He looked off across the valley of the Carrabasset to where Mount Abram stood in peaked silhouette like a huge sheet of blue tin in the August heat-haze, knocked his pipe ashes out and began to chuckle. I knew he was about to spin one of his famous yarns.

"You never knew P. J. Thorneycroft, did you? No, of course not, him being dead these fifty years. They called him the Squire, as they did his father before him, and his grandfather before that. His grandfather, the first Squire, was one of the first settlers of Kingtown, built a big square house and filled it with sons, which he and his wife contrived somehow, and proceeded to get rich cutting pine and spruce on land they paid about twelve cents an acre for. When P. J. Thorneycroft came in the third generation the family property was a going concern still, for the fathers seen to it that the house and timberlands descended to the oldest son only in the English way. The younger sons went West to find their own keep, or worked for wages for the current Squire, which they generally chose to do. But the Squire never set around

the big house and bossed things. No siree, he went right into the woods, stayed put in camp all winter, worked his own oxen, and ran the whole shebang.

"Squire P. J. Thorneycroft was a knowing woodsman, and I cal'late the handiest ox-driver that ever came out of the State o' Maine. Which leads me to what I am trying to get at.

"The winter I turned eighteen I went to work in the woods with the Squire's crew. High up on Thunderhead was a stand of giant spruce which two generations of Thorneycrofts had wanted to cut but hadn't got round to, for it was a mean chance and dangerous work for men and cattle. It was this way: the grove of big spruce was near the top of the mountain. Just below it, on the east side which sloped down to the river where the logs would be floated come spring, a ledge of rock, with a face so steep that no draught animal could climb it, cut it off from the lower slope. But the Squire had found a way, a draw of rubbley rock that broke the face of the ledge at a fairly decent slope—that is, for the Squire who was gamer than most woodsmen.

"We moved into camp at the lower end of the draw under the black skies of late November, built hovels for the cattle, proofed up our camp, and laid in supplies of hay and grain, pork, beans, flour, pickles, potatoes, molasses and coffe for the winter. We had just got things neat when the big snows came.

Work began with the first light, just as the stars were dimming in the vault of heaven. We went out in solemn procession, the teams of 'swing-paced, crook-horned oxen' first to break road, the plumes of their frosty breath jutting from their nostrils, the tall axemen with craggy bearded faces walking Indian file in coonskin caps and drab, almost knee-length frocks. They moved effortlessly but with relentless unyielding purpose, plodding indomitably, as though they would march forever, nothing to stop them, mounting the crest of the Appalachians, across the Great Plains of the West, ascending the Rockies, the High Sierras, and down the dusty slopes of the California hills to disappear in the Pacific waters.

All day the axes rang, a small tinkling sound in the vast oppressive silence of the big woods. All day the great spruce fell with a muffled crash in the deep snow. Quickly the axemen lopped the limbs and tops and chained the butts, thirty-odd inches across, onto the sleds. Then began the descent of the ramdown, the draw on the bluff's face, to the river-landing. When the snow was soft there was no trouble, for we had packed it well over the rubble to make a fairly even way. But when the road got hard and slick then the cumbrous-looking cattle had to be quick as cats to run and keep ahead of the plunging logs. Sometimes it rained and iced-up so that no team could keep ahead of the logs. Then a long rope would be tied to the tail end of the logs and passed once or twice around a standing tree trunk, and as the cattle stepped forward gingerly two men would pay out the rope, always keeping it taut between the load and the tree, releasing it at a slow pace; and so the brakes were applied. This was called 'snubbing.'

"And so the winter passed, snow, wind, black cloud, sunshine and blue sky, with the temperature ranging between forty above and forty below. It didn't make no odds to me, I was young and strong and I drank deep of the cup of life for the first time. Come wind, come rain, come hell-and-highwater I had found the life I loved.

He took up his pipe and filled it deliberately, carefully lighted it, and rubbed cupped hands over his knees. "They were supple then. Well, that is as it should be. Living kills ya slowly, but when you're young you don't know it—and when you know it there's nothing can be done.

"To'rds the end of February the wind went into the south. The next day a flock of crows came and cawed around us and pecked at the kitchen dump. The snow turned sugary and fell away as horseflesh does when underfed. The ramdown in the gully was plumb dangerous, owl's grease ice a mouse couldn't stand on, and the teamsters and their cattle grew ga'nt and tense as cat's guts from their work.

"One morn- (*Continued on page 84*)

Back Number BONANZA

by THEODORE VRETTOS

NOT TOO LONG AGO, A FIFTEEN-word advertisement appeared simultaneously in the *New York Times*, the *New York Herald-Tribune*, the *Saturday Review of Literature* and several other newspapers and magazines. It read simply:

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A frantic appeal came from a young army corporal: "Please, please replace this worn-out copy of an advertisement which I have been carrying in my wallet for two years. My girl friend saw it in a magazine and sent it to me. . . I don't remember the name of the magazine nor the date. . . ."

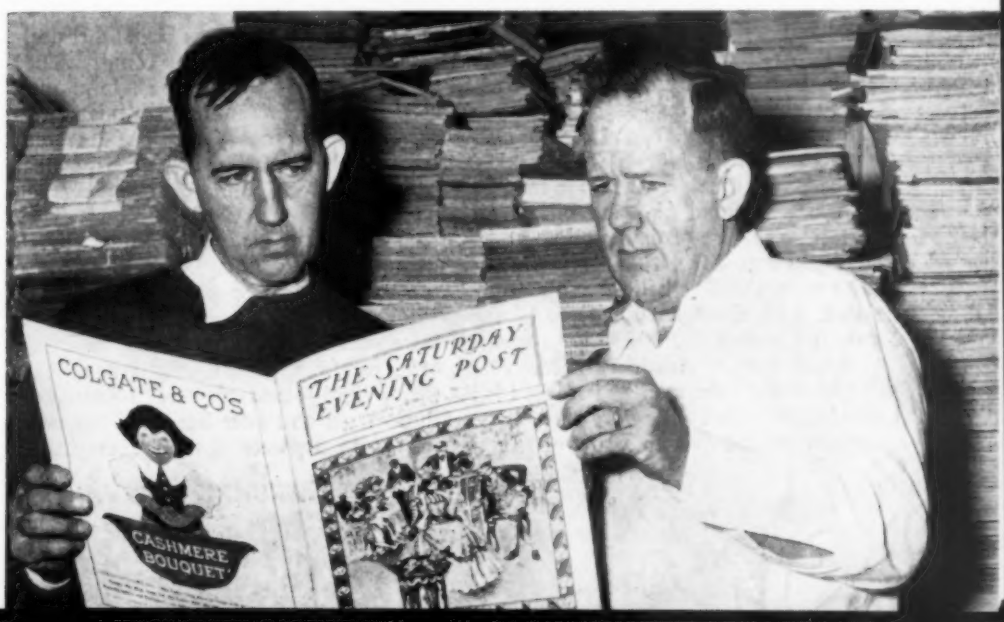
In each of the above cases "Back Number Wilkins" was able to come up with the desired magazines. Some were easy to locate; but others, like the request from the army corporal, required more time and research. In this particular instance "Wilkins" carefully examined the texture of the paper containing the advertisement. He compared similar advertisements appearing in several slick magazines; within fifteen minutes the exact advertisement was found in a back issue of the *Saturday Evening Post* dated three weeks after the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor.

"Back Number Wilkins" is actually a partnership between two brothers: Jim Fleming is forty-five, politely quiet, an intense student, (his wife claims Jim has read every magazine they own) a man who thinks and feels about his work. His brother, Austin is forty-two, a bit more talkative, more inclined to smile than Jim, yet cold and precise when it comes to business. Together, they operate perhaps the largest back number magazine business in the world. Their unique library numbers millions of volumes whose titles range from a 1741 issue of *The Gentlemen's Magazine* to the current magazines on sale at newsstands today.

Originally starting out as a hobby, the Flemings' venture has now mushroomed into a full-scale enterprise which has forced them to maintain four large warehouses—two of which are located in Danvers (pop. 18,185) Massachusetts and one each in the neighboring cities of Salem and Peabody. The major portion of their magazines is housed in the basement of what formerly was the Post Office building in Danvers. This alone contains well over a million volumes.

In the few short years since they took over the business from Fred Wilkins, the Flemings have increased their sales volume tenfold. To meet this demand they have called upon their wives and children, plus their parents and in-laws, to aid them. The wives help out with

Jim, left, and Austin study an early issue of the Post, *dated April 28, 1900. According to the Flemings the* Post *is one of the few magazines which has stuck to its format since 1900. The Flemings receive 25,000 requests for the* Post *yearly.*



Right: The first published copy of the Declaration of Independence. Opposite: The Flemings discuss business with Fred Wilkins, who began the unique enterprise.

THE
Massachusetts-Spy
Or, AMERICAN ORACLE of LIBERTY.

the correspondance (about one thousand letters must be answered every two weeks) and the children are kept busy sweeping out the warehouses and dusting off the endless piles of magazines. Whenever a new shipment comes in, the parents and in-laws pitch in to help with the unloading. All in all, the Flemings combine in one magnificent family effort whose most gratifying result is voiced in Jim Fleming's carefully selected words: "Our work has done much for us. It has brought us money and a good name but the best thing it has given us is love for one another. It has kept us together."

When the Flemings bought out Wilkins in 1946 they immediately hit upon the right idea. Realizing they couldn't sell to the masses, they decided to make their's a highly-specialized business. Instead of selling old, outdated magazines for a few pennies, they would become, in a sense, literary detectives, tracking down the most elusive periodicals with only the slightest clues.

Not too long ago, a prospective buyer dropped into the Danvers warehouse. When he saw the horde of magazines strewn from one stack to another he asked: "Do you mean to tell me you boys actually know where to find the magazine I want—in all that mess!"

"Sure," replied Austin Fleming with a smile.

"You must be joking—let me see you come up with the May 1944 *National Geographic*."

"That's easy," said Austin. He reached nonchalantly behind him and picked off the top magazine from a high pile. "Here you are—May, 1944."

The man couldn't believe it. "Okay," he said, how about a 1900 issue of the *Saturday Evening Post?*"

"Which week?" Austin laughed.

"Any week!" the man had reached his exasperation point.

Austin walked over to a row of magazines at the far corner of the warehouse. He ran his finger down the pile and suddenly pulled out a copy of the *Post* dated April 28, 1900.

"Fantastic!" cried the visitor, "utterly fantastic!"

The Flemings will go to any expense in their search for magazines. Often they negotiate large purchases from other dealers in various parts of the country. They also make arrangements with local junk collectors and waste paper dealers who obligingly sort out the magazines from every load of junk and waste paper that comes in. Sometimes, the Flemings go on a personal hunt of their own. They attend auctions, rummage sales, church penny sales—anything that might lead them to a magazine pile.

After they get the magazines into their warehouses, the Flemings look each one over carefully. Those that fail to pass their rigid standards are immediately thrown out and later burned. Their next job is to separate the slick magazines

from the pulps. From there, they narrow the magazines down to their respective functions. The bulk of their men's magazines is stored in the Salem warehouse while the women's magazines and current events issues are stocked in Danvers. The weekly magazines are then separated from the monthly and quarterly publications. The rest of it comes with experience.

"After you've been in this business as long as we," Jim comments, "you get to know just where every magazine is."

The Flemings receive almost twenty-five thousand letters a year. Their largest number come from colleges and universities who usually buy hundreds of issues at a time.

About a year ago, the Flemings got a letter from a New York congressman. He wondered if the Flemings could locate the first published copy of the Declaration of Independence. Jim loved that. He spent whole evenings at the Peabody library compiling facts and digging into encyclopedias for the slightest bit of information. After many futile days he was ready to give up. Then, one night, as he was browsing about his attic he came upon a well-preserved copy of *The Massachusetts Spy*, a periodical published weekly in Boston by one Isaiah Thomas who reputedly held the lantern while Paul Revere signalled the arrival of the British.

On the front page appeared the complete Declaration—published only thirteen days after the signing! The British immediately placed a price on Thomas' head but the cause of freedom compelled him to continue publishing his magazine.

> "Should the liberty of the press be destroyed," he later said, "we may next expect padlocks on our lips and fetters on our legs. . . ."

The congressman was more than happy to pay one hundred dollars for that issue of *The Massachusetts Spy*, which was dated July 17, 1776.

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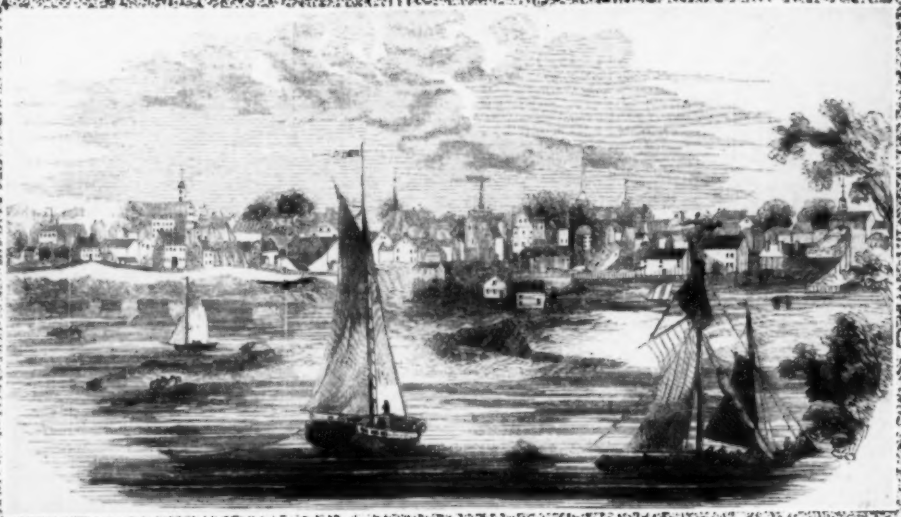
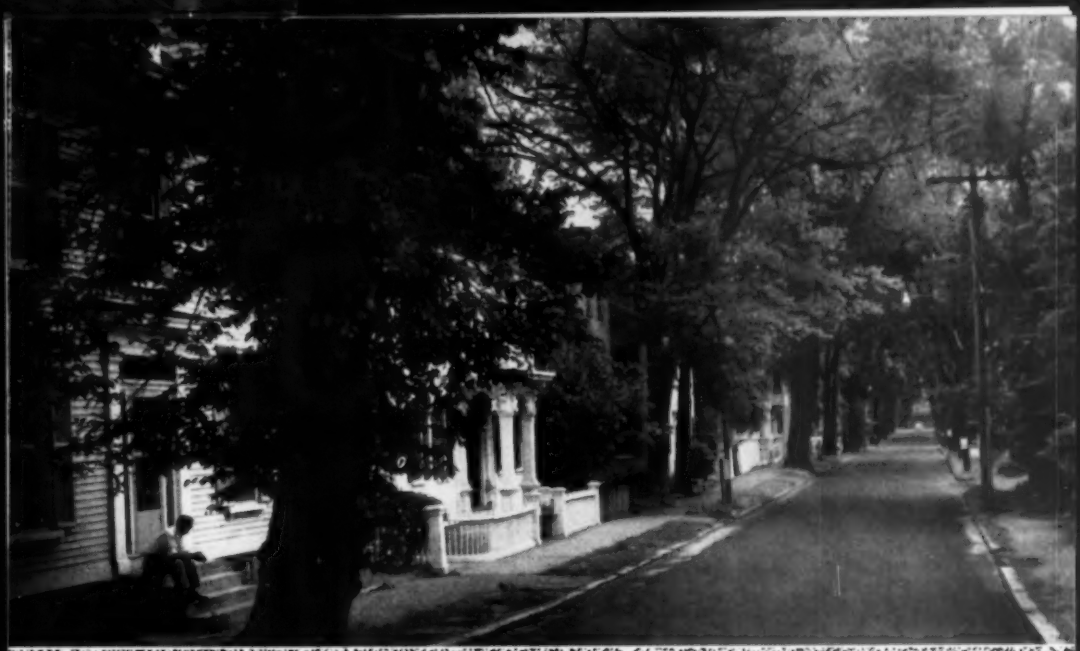


"Old Strawberry Bank"

Portsmouth, New Hampshire

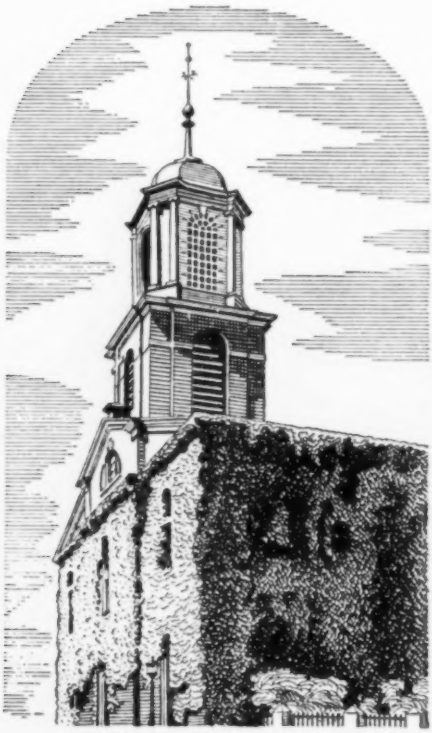
"Strawberry Bank is the quaint, sweet bit of nomenclature which the early Puritans gave to the site of the present city of Portsmouth, in New Hampshire. The name, like the profusion of wild strawberries that suggested it, has vanished. The Puritan himself has resolved into a reminiscence, sombre and phantasmal, like a faded family portrait." So wrote Thomas Bailey Aldrich for *Harper's* about 1890. The author spent his boyhood in Portsmouth and later made it the locale of a few of his books. Portsmouth today is a friendly town whose people know how to enjoy life. A hot summer day brings a man out on his front steps and children play softball under a statue of Gen. Fitz John Porter.

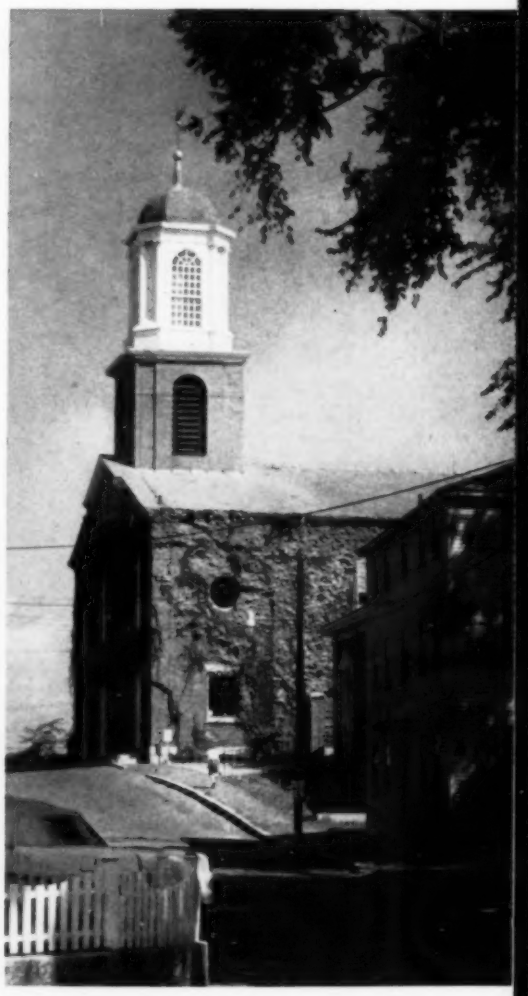
by LAWRENCE WILLARD **This New England**

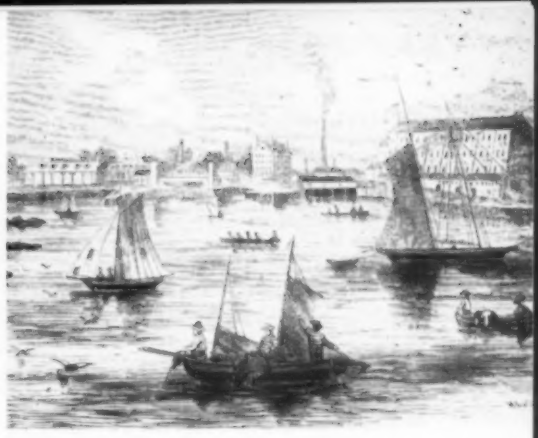


Although The Portsmouth Navy Yard is actually located on Puddington's Island, Kittery, Maine, it has always been almost a part of the city. The construction of ships has been a tradition here since 1775. Today, Atomic subs ply the waters where John Paul Jones once sailed the famous *America*.

The first church in Portsmouth was built about 1639 and was for the Episcopal service. St. John's Episcopal church is its lineal descendant. Admiral Farragut was buried from this church.







The night Lunch is an old, old Portsmouth institution. For more than 75 years the mobile diner has parked on Market Sq., and old timers wait for its arrival to buy their franks and beans. Once pulled by horses, a tractor truck now deposits it here each night and picks it up in the morning. Owner Bill Kennedy has run it for 45 years.

The three houses on these pages are all open to the public during the summer months. Above, The Jackson House, built in 1664, is the oldest building in Portsmouth. Opposite, above, The John Paul Jones House, now the Portsmouth Historical Society Building. The famous Navy Captain boarded here while supervising the construction of the *America*. Right, The Thomas Bailey Aldrich House belonged to the author's grandfather and was described in *The Story of a Bad Boy* as "the Nutter House." Built in 1790, the house has been remarkably preserved, even to include a piece of unfinished knitting and folded socks in the bureau drawers. One can almost feel the presence of Aldrich, far right, and the members of his family.

The old Langley-Bordman-Marvin House, built about 1805, is typical of the houses built by Portsmouth shipbuilders and merchants. An unusual feature

is the mahogany door panels, which are edged in whalebone. Night comes to Portsmouth, as seen from the Newcastle Road. Only a few fishing boats lie at anchor in the harbor which once was jammed with naval sailing ships. Portsmouth has a place in American history and the residents are proud of its heritage. But "Strawberry Bank" is no more.

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DERRY, N.H. HOME OF THE WHITE POTATO
IF YOU ASK ME IT DON'T LOOK LIKE ONE OF MY PERTATERS
SUTHIN' TELLS ME THEY PUT ONE OF THOSE MAINE PERTATERS OVER ON US
SHE AIN'T GOT NO SHAPE TO HER
SPRUCE HEAD, MAINE MAN GOES ON TEAR-
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THIS HERE HUNTER SHOT MY HORSE AND HE SAYS HE'S GOT A LICENSE TO DO IT!!
THE FELLER WHO SOLD ME THE LICENSE SAID THE 25¢ EXTREE WAS FOR A HOSS
IN VERMONT IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT DEER HUNTERS BE CHARGED 25¢ EXTRA TO PAY FOR HORSES SHOT BY MISTAKE
SWAMPED!
BOSTON FISHING INDUSTRY
THANKS COMRADE
"RED" NATIONS FISHING INDUSTRIES
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GET ME THAT AIR FOREST DEPARTMENT
HAVEN'T I SEEN YOU BEFORE SOMEWHERE?
I'M ONE OF THE VICE PRESIDENTS SIR
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LET YOURSELVES GO GIRLS
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WHOOPS
GIMME A DOUBLE BANANNA SPLIT
NANTUCKET POLICE HAVE COLLECTION OF LOST BICYCLES!
"LOST" BY THE SUMMER PEOPLE NO DOUBT.
IN INNABULATIONS
WEIGHT CONTROL CLASSES IN ROCKLAND WERE SUSPENDED DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The Old Ice House

ICE-HOUSES HAVE RETIRED FROM ACtive duty. Ours stands at the edge of a large pond. Its narrow pier and carrier equipment reach out into the water. Gray, of long-weathered wood, anchored firmly, yet it looks as if the next stiff breeze would flatten it. There are boards missing here and there, and yet it never seems like a lonely place, nor an abandoned one. It is a part of the landscape; part of our lives. It is as if it grew there, for no one seems to remember when it was built.

Our ice-house has the best location for miles around. Here is quietness, peace and beauty. The water on the pond takes on colors that reflect the mood of Mother Nature. Sometimes it is as blue as the eyes of a baby. At the beginning and ending of the day, the sun paints it in gay tones of gold and flame, and in November it is the color of pewter.

Country-folk enjoy fishing on the pond adjoining our ice-house, not only in summer, but also in the winter. A wooden hut is pulled out on the ice to keep out the bitter wind. The ice-house is a natural place for the storage of equipment for the devotees of ice-fishing. There is a skillet there, and a generous supply of fire wood. Soon, on the banks of the pond, sheltered from the icy wind by the friendly ice-house walls, a fire is lighted. The fish are fried, and the aroma is comparable to no other. Coffee gurgles in an agate pot, and home

Opposite: Ice house on the farm of E. B. Hinton, Anson, Maine. Left: A commercial ice house in Acton, Massachusetts. The ice sculpture of an ice wagon was used at a dinner for the Boston Ice Company.

by GRACE V. GUINAN

made bread is toasted on sticks. When the feast is over, some of the fish is stored in the ice-house for future use and the rest taken home.

The ice-house has no windows, and what a marvelous place to indulge in that first corn-silk cigarette, or to divide the loot from a nearby orchard, recently robbed. On moonlight nights, the pond is a natural rendevous for young lovers. Somehow it seems to draw sweethearts to it.

Once, however, the ice-house had business to attend to. From it ice was freighted to the towns. The horse-drawn vehicles which used to haul it when I was a child were painted a gay yellow. The ice-man, a brawny figure, wore suspenders of necessity. His overalls would be weighed down at the end of the day with silver coins. His voice fairly bellowed through the neighborhood with the cry, "Ice! Ice!" When an answer proved that he had made a sale, he would reach inside the ice-wagon. With his tongs, he would pull down a huge cake and chisel off the edges to the desired size. Then with a mighty heave, he would sling the burden across his oilcloth protected back, and carry it inside a house. There he would plop it down inside an ice-box, collect ten or fifteen cents, and depart. And while he was away from the wagon small boys would purloin scrapings and slivers and crunch them greedily. It was simple fare from the standards of today, but it had a certain flavour, acquired by the simple act of being, to say the least, misappropriated.

On special occasions such as the Fourth of July, my Grandfather used to get out a cake of ice from our ice house, slosh it over with a bucket of water to remove the saw-dust, chop it into small pieces, add rock salt to it and pack it around the ice-cream freezer. Turning the crank of the freezer seemed to be an all-day job, but one *earned* ice-cream in those days. We worked hard to produce it. Rich cream went into the mixture, eggs, flavoring, and a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and joy as the children stood about, watching the process with watering mouth. Grandfather would light his pipe, and he and my Grand uncle would turn and turn and turn the crank of the freezer. Lucky the boy or girl who had first licks on the dasher.

An ice-house might be as large as an opera-house, or as small as a leanto. For some reason, no-one ever seemed to paint one. They were always gray, and I think that they must have been born old, for I never saw a new one.

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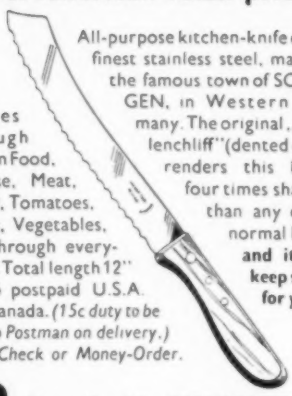

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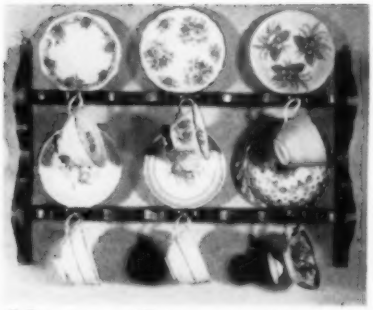

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the Popular

MRS. JENNIE GRAVES OF MEDFORD, Massachusetts, whose first job paid her $8.00 a week, and who dressed dolls for fun, now runs one of the largest firms in the country's 200-million doll industry. Originator and President of Vogue Dolls, Inc., her success, she feels, was fostered by indignation, an uncle and a belief in prayer.

The indignation exploded when she found dolls she had dressed for a church bazaar being sold for profit in a Boston shop. She began turning out dolls for profit herself, in a workroom in her cellar. They sold, but not too fast. What she wanted to make was an eight-inch plastic doll with moving eyes, up-to-the-minute hair-do (pony tail, for instance) and an imaginative wardrobe with imaginative accessories. She decided to risk her entire capital on the idea and when her New York manufacturer refused the order, saying the dolls were too small, Mrs. Graves awoke and found herself ruined. That was when she prayed. She also thought, planned and dug up a New England manufacturer.

In 1951 Vogue dolls swept the coun-

Mrs. Jennie Graves and Her daughter, Mrs. Virginia Carlson, the Ginny doll's namesake.

"Ginny" Doll

by LAURIE HILLYER

try with their undeniable charm. There is scarcely a child, or a mother, or a grandmother who hasn't fallen in love with a Vogue doll—named "Ginny" for Mrs. Graves' daughter Virginia. Dressed, Ginny costs in the vicinity of $5.00; undressed she costs $2.00 but if you want to go a little mad, and your bank account allows it, you can transpose the decimal and spend about $200 on the imaginative wardrobe. A Ginny doll can be dressed like a toreador, a ballerina, a Highlander or a nun; she has plaid slacks, cashmere sweaters, bracelets, muffs, ski poles, red flannel nightgowns, hat boxes, sunglasses, skates; she has a Scotty dog with a blanket that unbuckles.

Recently she has acquired an older and a younger sister, Jill and Ginette.

As for the uncle, he is Alfred C. Fuller who, like his niece, doggedly started making his product in a cellar, forged right along and became that almost legendary character, the Fuller Brush Man. He is also a director of Vogue Dolls, Inc. and feels that Jennie is the one who found the doll in dollars.

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SMALL BUSINESS and CRAFTS

by DAMON RIPLEY

THE FOLLOWING SHORT ARTICLE INterested me greatly and I think will interest you. Incidentally, if you visit the Luman Nelson Museum this winter, don't forget to take along your skis. Hogback Mountain has complete skiing facilities with a number of J-Bar lifts as well as a new Poma Lift.

WHEN A MUSEUM COMES TO A mountain, Hogback Mountain, halfway between Brattleboro and Wilmington, Vermont, you can be sure a lot of people are going to visit it. The Luman Nelson Museum, opened recently by Harold P. White in connection with his Gift Shop on Route 9, which looks down on mountains in five states, holds the third largest bird exhibit in the United States.

The museum is named for a man who has spent 67 of his 83 active years collect-

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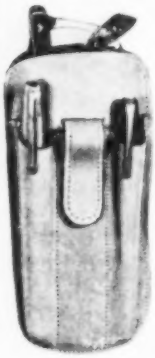

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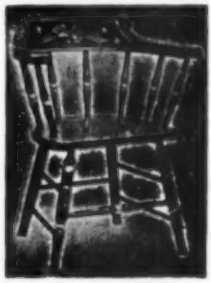

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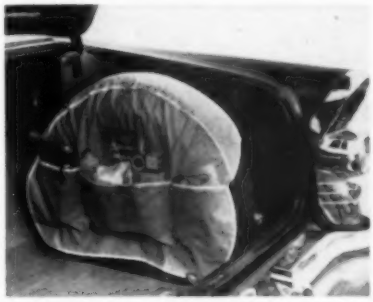

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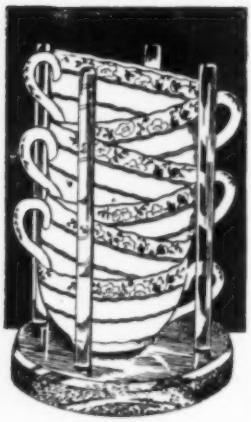

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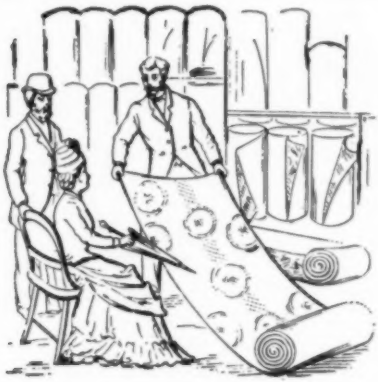

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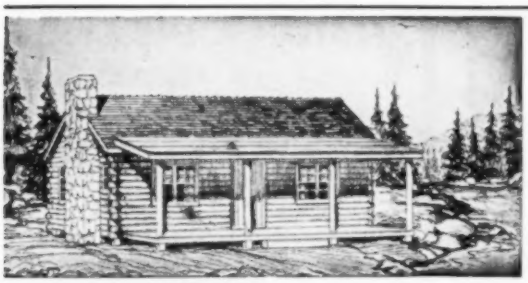

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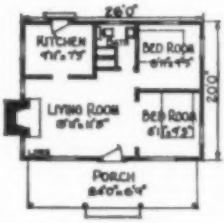

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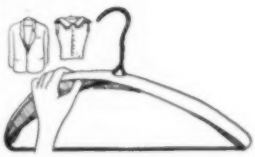

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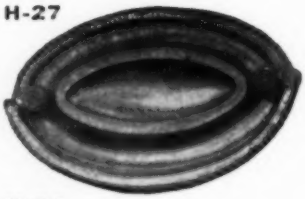

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Indignant supporters of the building in question, the White Horse Tavern in Newport, Rhode Island, promptly wrote that what they claim to be the "oldest tavern in the United States" is indeed in operation, properly restored and recently re-opened. Built before 1673, and known to have had a tavern license as early as 1687, the White Horse Tavern has served as the seat of the town government, as quarters for the British troops during the Revolution (the owners moved out during the occupation, wanting no part of it), and resting place for the weary throughout its eventful career. Shortly after the turn of this century, its doors were closed, to be opened again by the Preservation Society of Newport County. Today the White Horse Tavern delights its guests with clam chowder made from a colonial recipe, clam cakes, jonny cakes, home-made bread, and deep-dish apple pie, to mention just a few of the New England specialties of the house.

Equipped with this information, we went back at Mr. Stack, who started the

The dining room of the White Horse Tavern, right, said to be the oldest in the country. Not so, says the owner of Hell's Blazes Ordinary, opposite page.

TRAVEL and Resorts

A Friendly Feud Enlivens This Month's Column . . .

by MARJORY HALL

whole thing, and asked what he thought now. Mr. Stack tells us he spent many a month doing research on the subject. He maintains that his Travellers' Fare (its current name, although there's talk of switching back to the original Hell's Blazes) still holds the title, because although he is aware that the White Horse Tavern recently became an eating place once more "they do not serve liquor, and to Daniel Webster, for instance, who would think of frequenting a tavern that does not have grog?"

The present argument apart, these two fine old buildings, built within a very few years of each other so long ago, have much to offer us in the way of atmosphere as well as creature comfort. Hell's Blazes has antique furniture, a deep fireplace where once hams were smoked, a stone path to its bar. Well-preserved hand-hewn boards and paneled doors are there that were part of the original homestead. On the menu you may find such items as New Bedford Scallops, Chicken Pie made the Old Fashioned way, and many other Nice Foods like Steak and Lobster and Shrimp. At the White Horse Tavern the same inimitable atmosphere of colonial charm prevails. Its hand-hewn and joined timbers, broad-boarded floors and several fireplaces (including a ten-footer in the main diningroom) make it difficult for the guest to believe that the White Horse Tavern was only recently rescued from the unhappy condi-

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Host and guest alike know that good food won't turn the whole trick in the diningroom, that service is just as important. Methods of serving have much to do with the end result. Recently we stopped at the 1896 House in Williamstown, Massachusetts. The diningroom was charming, the food excellent, the service couldn't have been better. We remember particularly the just-right sirloin steak for two brought in on its own plank, neatly sliced for easy serving. Among the goodly array of relishes, there was one little pot of—

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chicken salad! Heaven knows we didn't *need* it, but that small surprise of something so totally different in taste and texture was somehow memorable.

We were impressed too with the superb handling of many guests at the Bristol Inn in Bristol, Vermont, on a football-game night last Fall when the traffic was unusually heavy. Filled to the rafters as they were, they took care of all of us handsomely. Orders are taken in the sitting rooms. Your name is called when your table is ready for you, and that means hot spiced broth waiting steamily at your place, together with a miniature loaf of fresh bread on a tiny breadboard. The rest of the courses appear miraculously just as you become ready. After you've taken one ecstatic look at the roast beef (none better) and the rest of it generously adorning your plate, you're offered wonderful baked beans from a hot casserole, which of course no one could possibly resist.

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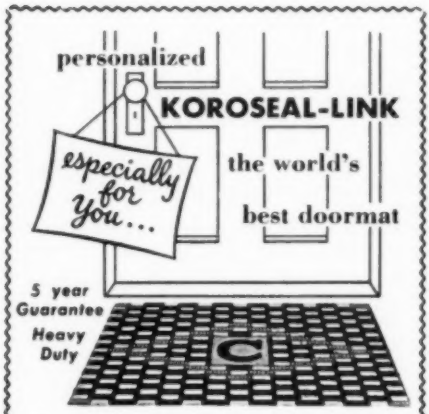

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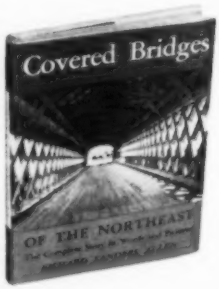

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A Radio for Cal

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dicated the corner of the room where the President wished the set to be placed and told us that we should have all possible assistance from the White House staff of carpenters and electricians.

I heard someone enter the room behind me and as I turned I heard the secretary say, "This is Mrs. Coolidge."

"I understand," she said, that you are here to install the radio. The President will be pleased, because he would like to hear the election returns in November." Mrs. Coolidge asked her secretary if there was anything she could do and being answered in the negative left the room. We departed shortly thereafter with the understanding we would return the following morning to install the set.

I arranged with two local radio men to help me install the receiver and the next morning we drove out to the White House. At the gate the truck was thoroughly searched and our identification checked before we were admitted to the grounds. Inside the White House, the set and all materials were inspected once more before taken upstairs. It was obvious that all possible precautions were being taken to protect the President's life.

During the installation, Mrs. Coolidge frequently came in to see how the work was progressing. She brought a large box of chocolates for us, which were welcome. One of the boys refused to eat any, prefering to save the candy as a memento of the occasion.

After we had finished installing the set, Mrs. Coolidge's secretary called her and we tuned it in, getting good reception from several distant stations. Mrs. Coolidge asked me to show her how to tune the set so that she might show the President how it was done. I instructed her in the use of the dials, but before I left the White House she asked me to return that evening to reveal the mysteries of the radio to the President himself.

When I returned that evening a Secret Service man escorted me to the President's

quarters where I waited a few minutes for him to appear. After a greeting, he asked, "How do you run this?" Mrs. Coolidge's secretary placed two chairs before the set and we sat down an began "twirling" the dials. There was a dial for each condenser, one to light the filaments and one for volume control. The loudspeaker, a horn type, sat on the top of the cabinet and there was also an outlet for headphones.

We sat for some time, getting KDKA in Pittsburgh, WOR in New York, a station in Detroit, one in Chicago, as well as several others. In addition to learning how to operate the set, the President took time to write down the readings on the dials so that he could immediately tune in the desired station without having to find it by "feel."

After an hour or so, I decided I had "wasted" enough of the President's time and was about to leave when he said, "I understand that as the night wears on you get greater distances." He asked me to stay on a little longer. We tuned around and got several more stations, among them Kansas City. The President continued to write them down, as he wanted to get the election returns from as many stations as possible. He was running for President that November.

During that evening with him, the stories that have been told about Coolidge being a man of few words and a poor conversationalist were proved to me to be untrue. He was cordial and friendly, with a warm personality. He was very much interested in the progress radio had made and in the installations made in the Army hospitals. Obviously, he was much pleased by the receiver.

After several hours, during which time I had made unsuccessful attempts to go, I once more started to excuse myself and the President said he thought he would retire. We shook hands. He thanked me for a pleasant and informative evening and I left.

The following day I installed the other set for Major Lejune at the Marine Barracks at Quantico. We lunched together and he was thrilled with Mr. Rothafel's gift.

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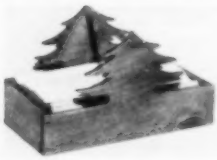

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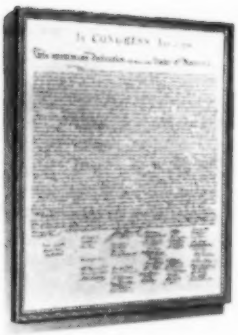

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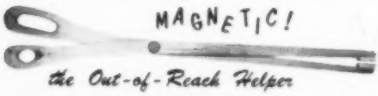

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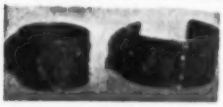

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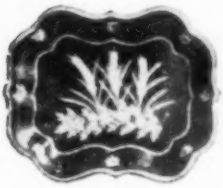

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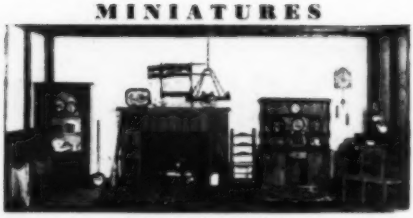

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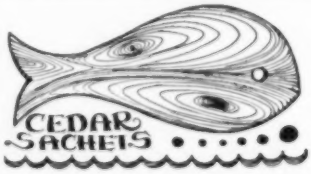

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ing the Squire said at breakfast: 'All right boys, works over; begin breaking camp to-day. Tomorrow's the Sabbath; ye can sleep late; we'll start about noon and make the village by dark.'

"It was almost noon when we were all ready and lined up for the trip down, oxen, drivers, woodsmen, cook and cookee, as tousled, ragged, crusty a looking crew as ye ever seed. The sleds were piled with bedding quilts, stoves, lanterns and the miscellaneous gear of a lumber camp. The Squire raised his hand: 'Wah-hish!' he cried (which is ox-language for giddap) and with his two personal teams yoked in line to one sled led off for the low land. We hadn't gone far when I, walking near, got to thinking there was something wrong with the Squire. He didn't keep close to his lead team, but lagged, stumbled somewhat, and kept tugging at his bird's nest beard. Suddenly he threw up both hands. 'Whoa!' he shouted.

"He motioned the boys to come up. They slithered along the slippery track and gathered round. 'Godfrey, boys, I nigh forgot. The folks down to the church asked me to bring out a couple of hundred feet of pine, to make some repairs and glorify the Lord with. I plumb forgot, but it haint too late. Let's give them a thousand feet, what say? He pointed to a grand old punkin pine nearby, that rose thirty feet or more from the forest's floor before putting out a limb. 'Fall it, Frank,' he pointed to me, 'and you, Joe.' My chest swelled with pride that I was one to be asked, and Joe and I went to work to make the echoes ring. In a matter of minutes we stepped back and cried 'timber' and the great tree fell with a crash alongside the road. The choppers swarmed over it limbing it cleanly and topping it off. It was a terrible big stick of timber, an old heister of a pine, nigh to fifty inches across the butt, and I stood wondering who was going to take it down. I soon seen. The Squire flung the stuff off his sled and drove it up alongside the butt. With prypoles and cant-dogs the boys levered the end onto the sledge and chained it down.

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"'What fer?' asks the Squire.

" 'To snub that log down with,' says Jed. 'Your team can't hold it back, the gully is slipperier than sin, and if that big stick gets to travelling good you'll fill Kingtown full of ox hair and pine splinters!'

" 'Tend to yer own knitting, Jed. I h'aint seen the ramdown we couldn't run when we had the mind to, eh boys?' and he slapped a mittened hand on the nigh-ox's rump. 'But I thank 'ee lad, and kindly,' he added softly.

Jed stowed the rope on his sled and reached into his bundle of bedding. In a moment he returned offering something with extended hand.

" 'Well, Squire, it's your funeral, but before you start for Kingdom Come you had better wet your whistle with a mite of rum, for if you took the wrong turn at the crossroads it would be tough to wake up in hell cold sober.'

"The Squire grinned. 'That's a good idea, Jed.' He reached for the flask, saw that it was full, and pulled the cork. He winked at the boys standing round, glanced over his shoulder—a habit bred of woodshed drinking—threw his head back and poured her down. With a quick movement, not even having lowered the empty flask from his lips, he tossed it up and backwards over his head, spinning like a golden coin in the sunlight.

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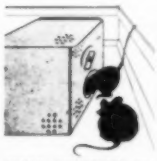

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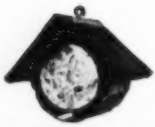

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"The last hand had been shaken, the last kindly jest exchanged, and the congregation was about to disperse and the members make their several ways home to dinner when a strange noise was heard. The little knot of people stiffened, and listened. Louder it grew, and louder; first a humming, then a twanging, which finally turned into a dreadful high-pitched screech that caused the men to shudder, and made a stray dog throw back his head and give forth a tortured quavering howl. Then their startled eyes saw a long black confused mass arcing across the heaven in a sweeping parabola.

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"On the butt of the great log the Squire sat blinking from under his frayed coonskin cap, dazed, unseeing, looking for all the world like an owl caught in the open in the middle of the day. A woman tittered at the comical sight, and the sound brought the Squire to his senses. He shook his head, his eyes came into focus, and looking about at the familiar faces he grinned. Jumping down from the log he swayed a moment, then walked with dignity up to the congregation. He bowed slightly, and as he straightened up his eyes were twinkling:

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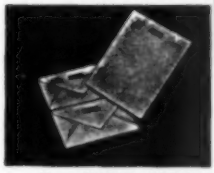

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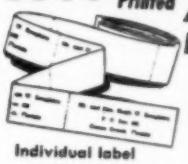

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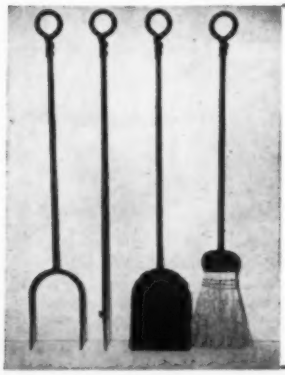

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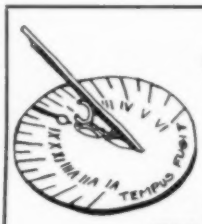

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We Two Together, Look!

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And pause above the crest for gazing down
At the small house, the small man and his bride,
And the gray road that comes from the small town.
The mountain is so large, the stars so far,
So separate, above the valley's gloom,
What should be known, by any single star,
Of the small town, and bride, and the trivial groom?

Still, we rejoice, in thinking that the stars
And the tall crests that are our nightly view
In that high field, beyond our senseless wars,
Know we are here, and why it is we do
This thing we do: this going out at night
To look at what has us, it seems, in sight.

II

Who's Who?

Clearly observed by stars,
The man alone
Walks the deep road between the hills,

In a great peace not known
When other looks were on him. . .
As for stars, the old and wise

In the matter of scars,
They are less like witnesses
Than friends with understanding eyes.

III

Theater

Just here, New Hampshire is a night of mountains,
And all is vastness, darkness, and remote
Slow stars move gravely our Resolution.
The night is larger, here, than any day,
Is tall, and deep, and cavernous with valleys. . . .
In one of them, a small, white face
Looks out, looks up at vastness,
Too small, and too alone,
Too nearly lost,
And pitiful,
And yours. . .
A man could break his heart!

IV

By Air To New Hampshire

Stars over Resolution, and a hill
Whence Resolution and the stars are seen,
And there, a man, alone and grave and still,
Is watching how the evening's subtle green
Is altered by the slow stars in the sky,
And how himself, as well, is altered, then,—
No more away, and strange. . . (the man is I). . .
A man arriving at himself, again.

Suddenly, fugitive from another town,
Where, still his heavy body sits in shame,
Here he has come, no longer weighted down
By alien selves, and enters on his name:
Himself, the innocent wayfarer, whose scars
Are lost, and gone, and are becoming stars.

Peacock

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Shining like an Eastern king, he parades
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out of a thousand eyes enameled there,
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Rain, in an old garden
Falling from
Leaf onto stone,
Brimming the fountain basin.
Brief
Bubbles form
And break
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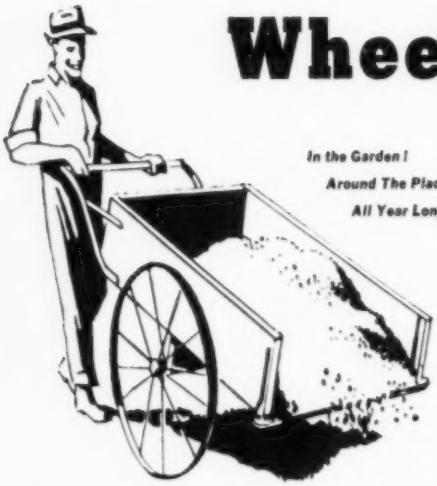

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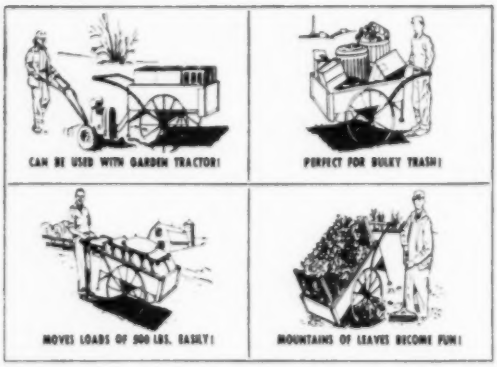

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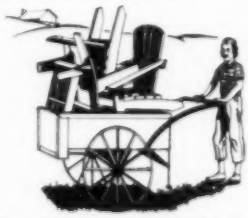

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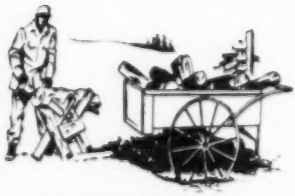

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